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MR. HAROLD ABEES - LABORATORY COPY 1704 JOINT TASK FORCE 132

THOMAS D. HUGHES

By copy of my letter to Dr. Larson dated August 21, 1952 you were advised of informal arrangements being made with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory for the assignment of Mr. Harold Abee for temporary duty with the Joint Task Force 132. We have been advised by Dr. Larson that the laboratory is willing to loan Mr. Abee to the Joint Task Force for approximately 6 to 8 weeks. Informal arrangements having been completed, the purpose of this letter is to request the Oak Ridge Operations Office to make appropriate arrangements for Mr. Abee to join JTF 132 on or about October 1 for temporary duty assignment of about 6 to 8 weeks duration.

We have been advised by Commander Russell Maynard, who will be in charge of Rad-life program, that the Task Force will (1) provide Mr. Abee with temporary duty orders and authorization to use military transportation; (2) reimburse Mr. Abee for commercial transportation used in lieu of military transportation, per diem, and time worked over and above 40-hour week, if such becomes the policy of the Task Force. The laboratory has agreed to continue paying Mr. Abee's normal salary without further supplement to their present budget. It has been suggested that the laboratory authorize Mr. Abee to use commercial transportation when necessary and when military transportation is not otherwise available.

At the conclusion of Mr. Abee's assignment with Task Force 132, the laboratory may submit a claim to JTF 132 via the ONR for all expenses incurred over and above Mr. Abee's normal salary, 1.00 per diem, per diem and such over-time expenses as may have been incurred.

We understand that Dr. Abee has discussed the matter of his assignment with Commander Maynard and is in touch with the Rad-life group of the Task Force, now at Los Alamos.

If the foregoing arrangements are satisfactory and have the approval of your office, we would appreciate your making the necessary arrangements with ONR.

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